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1. On 23 June 1948 the Justice Administration of the Soviet Zone issued a directive on the judicial measures to be taken in connection with currency reform. Addressed to the Ministry of Justice, Soviet Zone Länder, the Landgericht and the Kammergericht in Berlin (both located in the western sectors), the directive treats Berlin as a part of the Soviet Zone. [REDACTED] 25X1A

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2. The above directive was discussed on 26 June 1948 among the justice and police officials of the Soviet Zone. When the Chief of Police of the Legal Section stated that the directive cannot be enforced because of the geographical location of the courts in west Berlin, former President Wagner of the Interior Administration stated that this was of no consequence since detailed instructions for enforcement will not be ready for three weeks, by which time the Western Allies will have evacuated Berlin. This view was seconded by President Melzheimer of the Justice Administration.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: The above information is an indication that the Soviets mean business in the present crisis. Having gone this far, it is difficult to see how they could back down without a maximum loss of face even in their own camp.)

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